27 August 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM:

Executive Secretary, SIG-I

SUBJECT:

SIG-I Meeting on 31 August 1982

1. Agenda Item 1--National Intelligence Topics:

- -- Talking points have been provided by the Intelligence Producers Council for this item. They anticipate no problem with the substance of the National Intelligence Topics of current and continuing interest; however, they think the discussion of the NIT process and procedures may be more lively. The proposed NITs of current interest have changed slightly since they were approved by the IG four weeks ago and will require updating. Bob Gates is prepared to circulate wording changes. The appropriate time to do that is identified in your talking points.
- -- Some of the people on my staff have questioned whether the priorities associated with the terrorism and narcotics subjects under the NITs of continuing interest are sufficiently high, especially given the Vice President's interest in the latter subject. Drug production and trafficking and drug control activities are proposed as priority 4; international terrorism trends and the warning of terrorist attempts against U.S. interests or those of our allies are proposed as priority 3. Should you agree that these subjects deserve more consideration, you may want to raise discussion of these priorities at the SIG-I meeting.
- 2. Agenda Item 2--NFIP Budget Forecast:
  - -- The talking points for this item follow closely those that John McMahon used at the National Foreign Intelligence Council meeting on 10 August. We are interested in having the SIG-I discussion focus on whether the target topic and generic priorities are appropriate from a consumer's point of view. We have sufficient handouts of charts 1, 2, and 3 to circulate to all participants.

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- -- We have provided more detail in the talking points than you may want to use at the meeting, because we thought it would be useful for your background. Should you want to shorten the discussion to essential points or modify them in some other way, I can do that for you on Tuesday morning.
- I do not anticipate much disagreement on the part of the consumers with the priorities reflected in the package. What is of interest to us in this meeting is hearing Frank Carlucci's views on the total size of the NFIP, especially in light of his 8 July letter to you on the Defense Department's fiscal squeeze. To refresh your memory about its contents, the letter is attached to the Talking Point.
- 3. Attendance at this meeting has been limited to principals only because of the relatively large number of participants for each of the two agenda items. We may not know until Tuesday who is representing each of the departments, but we will provide a list to you in advance of the meeting.

Attachments: as stated

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